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U.S. officials hope to glean information on Iraq attacks from top Hussein henchman

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A man in women's clothes killed in Southeast — the third such attack in a week

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JERUSALEM | Palestinian militants called off a tattered two-month-old truce on Thursday after an Israeli helicopter killed a senior Hamas political leader with a volley of missiles. Thousands of Hamas supporters marched in protest, vowing revenge.

According to aides, Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas had drawn up lists of militants to be arrested, but scrapped the plans after the assassination.

Israel said it could not wait any longer for the Palestinians to act after a Hamas bus bombing that killed 20 people, including six children, in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

The target of the Israeli rocket attack Thursday was Ismail Abu Shanab, 53, a prominent Hamas spokesman and founder.

In Beirut, the group said in a statement that "our response to this despicable crime will, God willing, be earthshaking."

The White House stopped short of saying the Israeli retaliation was justified, but stated the country has a right to defend itself.

KARIN LAUB (AP) ♦ More: See World, page 5.

# EyeOpeners

## GREEN THUMB Dude, Where's My Gnome?

A 32-year-old Longview, Wash., woman is accused of going on a decoration-snatching spree that netted her some three truckloads of patio furniture, plants and lawn ornaments—including three plastic pink flamingoes. Police said Rebecca Joann Smith took the items and stored them at a friend's home, Longview's The Daily



AMY SANCETTA/AP

News reported this week. Smith allegedly told police she planned to sell the lawn art to help pay bills. (EXPRESS)

## ANIMAL WATCH Sheep on the Lam

A sheep that was meant to be a prop in Chancy Lutheran Church's rendition of "The Good Shepherd" was still missing nearly a week after it ran away from a church in Clinton, Iowa. Two sheep were in a pen before showtime when they got scared and hopped over the fence, said play supervisor Sandy Mussman. Neighbors were able to corner one of the fleeing sheep, but the other got away. The play's first act, ironically, was titled "The Lost Sheep." (AP)

## BUSINESS Tough As Noodles

It takes strong managers to succeed in Japan's cutthroat instant noodles business, and one company wants to ensure it has the toughest—through ramen noodle boot camp. New managers at Nissin Food Products need to survive three days on a tiny, uninhabited island where they will dig their own toilets and make fire from dry leaves. The camp—which officials say will promote team spirit and appreciation for the product—is scheduled for Aug. 26-28. (AP)

## HOMEFRONT They Slept Tight, But ...

The Dornelas family of Boston finally had to leave their apartment—the bedbugs had taken over. "It feels like when you have chicken pox," 11-year-old Lorian Dornelas, who had bites all over her back from the insects, told The Boston Herald. The Dornelases are only one of dozens of families plagued by an infestation of the bugs in Boston's Allston-Brighton neighborhood, the Herald reported. The family said they had to throw out most of their furniture, which could cost some \$3,000 to replace. (EXPRESS)



**WHO KNEW?** Canada has the longest coastline of any country, at 56,453 miles or around 15 percent of the world's 372,384 miles of coastlines, according to the Smithsonian's "Ocean Planet" exhibition.



JOSEPH KACZMAREK/AP

## LANDMARKS Amos's New Home

Owner Christian Lee Zinn II may have been sad to close his Amish-themed Zinn's Diner in Lancaster County, Pa., this week, but at least he won't have to worry about what to do with Amos. The 18-foot-tall Fiberglas farmer had stood outside the Diner since 1969. Luckily, the county Heritage Center was happy to take Amos in. "He certainly is a cultural icon of Lancaster County," executive director Peter Seibert told Lancaster's New Era newspaper. "I'm glad we got him for the museum." (EXPRESS)

### 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

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Tues.  
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**UV Index (for solar noon)**  
6 out of 10, moderate

**Air Quality Index (AQI)**  
AQI Today: Moderate

**Pollen Index (Yesterday)**  
Reading: Main offender: Not available

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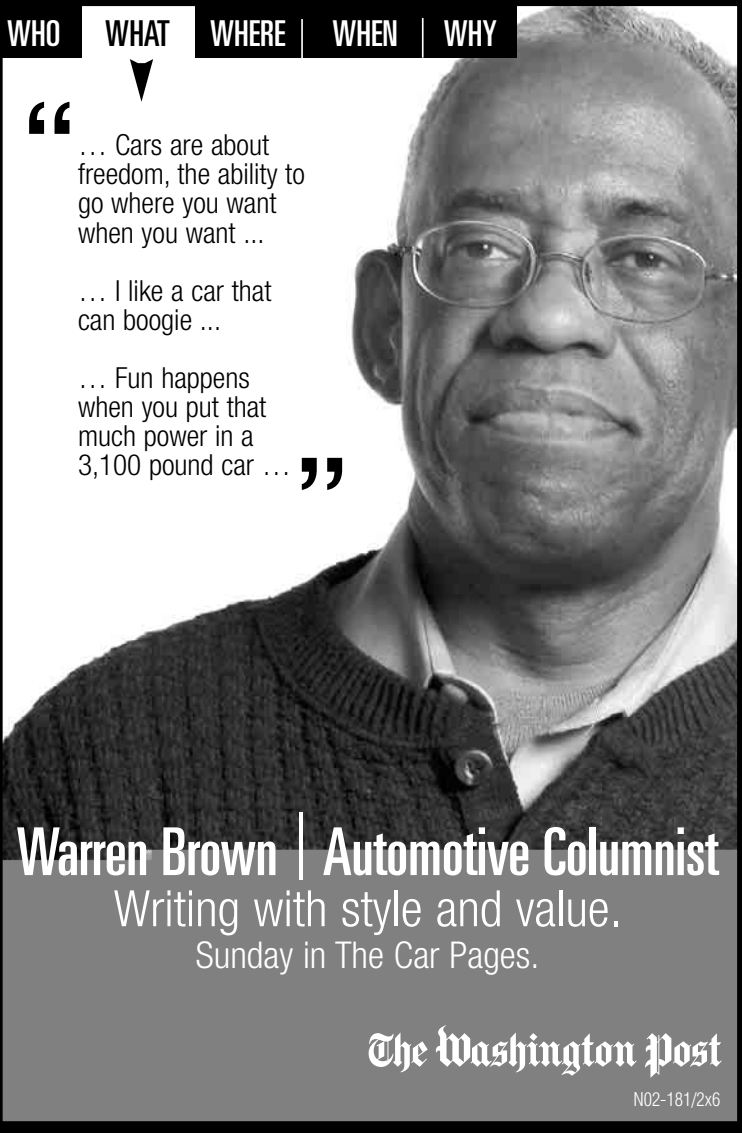
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## In Brief

TELFORD, PA.

**Three Killed After Crane Strikes Live Power Line**

A crane struck an overhead power line at a concrete plant and burst into flame Thursday, and three workers were electrocuted, emergency officials said. Rescuers could not immediately reach the bodies because the downed line was live. One worker was apparently shocked first. When colleagues rushed over to help, two more were killed. The accident at the JDM Materials plant left the crane a smoking ruin. (AP)

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

**Columbia Investigators To Release Accident Report**

The board investigating the space shuttle Columbia disaster plans to issue its 250-page report on what led to the accident next week in Washington. The document, to be released Tuesday, comes nearly seven months after Columbia disintegrated in the Texas sky, killing seven astronauts. The 13-member board already found that a chunk of insulation gouged Columbia's left wing during liftoff in January. (AP)

ATLANTA

**More Than 700 People in U.S. Infected With West Nile**

West Nile virus continues to plague the central Plains, with nearly 80 percent of the nation's cases occurring in Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska and Texas, federal officials said Thursday. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 29 states have reported a total of 715 infections. (AP)



The Rev. Rob Schenck, director of the National Clergy Council, leads a group of about 100 demonstrators around the judicial building in Montgomery, Ala., Thursday to protest the decision to remove a monument to the Ten Commandments.

DAVE MARTIN/AP

## Ala. Judges Say Statue Must Go

**Chief justice vows to take monument case to U.S. Supreme Court**

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | Alabama's associate Supreme Court justices ordered the Ten Commandments monument removed from the rotunda of the state judicial building Thursday, despite Chief Justice Roy Moore's fiery defense of his 5,300-pound granite marker.

The monument was still in the building's rotunda early Thursday evening, and officials did not say when or where it would be moved.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson, who had ruled the monument's placement violated the Constitution's ban on government promotion of a religious doctrine, has said it could be moved to a private place still within the building. He had threatened \$5,000-a-day fines if Moore left the monument in the public rotunda.

The chief justice had appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court for an emergency stay of the removal order, but the court rejected it Wednesday. Moore said Thursday he would file a formal appeal with the high court soon. BOB JOHNSON (AP)

## FCC Issues Internet, Phone Competition Rules

WASHINGTON | The Federal Communications Commission Thursday issued its long-awaited rules for telephone and Internet competition, giving states more authority to determine which phone companies operate within their borders.

The FCC said, however, that the major regional companies who install high-speed fiber optic lines may keep them off-limits to rivals. The rules are the result of fractious 3-2 FCC votes in February. Chairman Michael Powell was on the losing end in the vote on phone competition, the first time he has

been in the minority since taking over the five-member panel in 2001.

Thursday's 576-page order is far from the final word on the subject; the rules are expected to be challenged in court.

The order gives states the right to require regional phone companies to lease elements of their networks, such as lines and central office switching capabilities, to competitors at wholesale rates. To foster competition in residential service, companies such as AT&T and MCI enjoy low lease prices set by friendly state regulators.

JONATHAN D. SALANT (AP)

## WILDFIRES | HAZE



DON RYAN/AP

CLOUDS RISING: Smoke from a wildfire rises from behind Black Butte near Sisters, Ore., on Thursday. Up to 1,000 residents were told to leave their homes as wildfires continued to spread.

## Gangster Gets 16 Months for Smuggling Sperm

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. | A New York gangster who smuggled his semen out of federal prison to impregnate his wife was sentenced to an additional 16 months in jail.

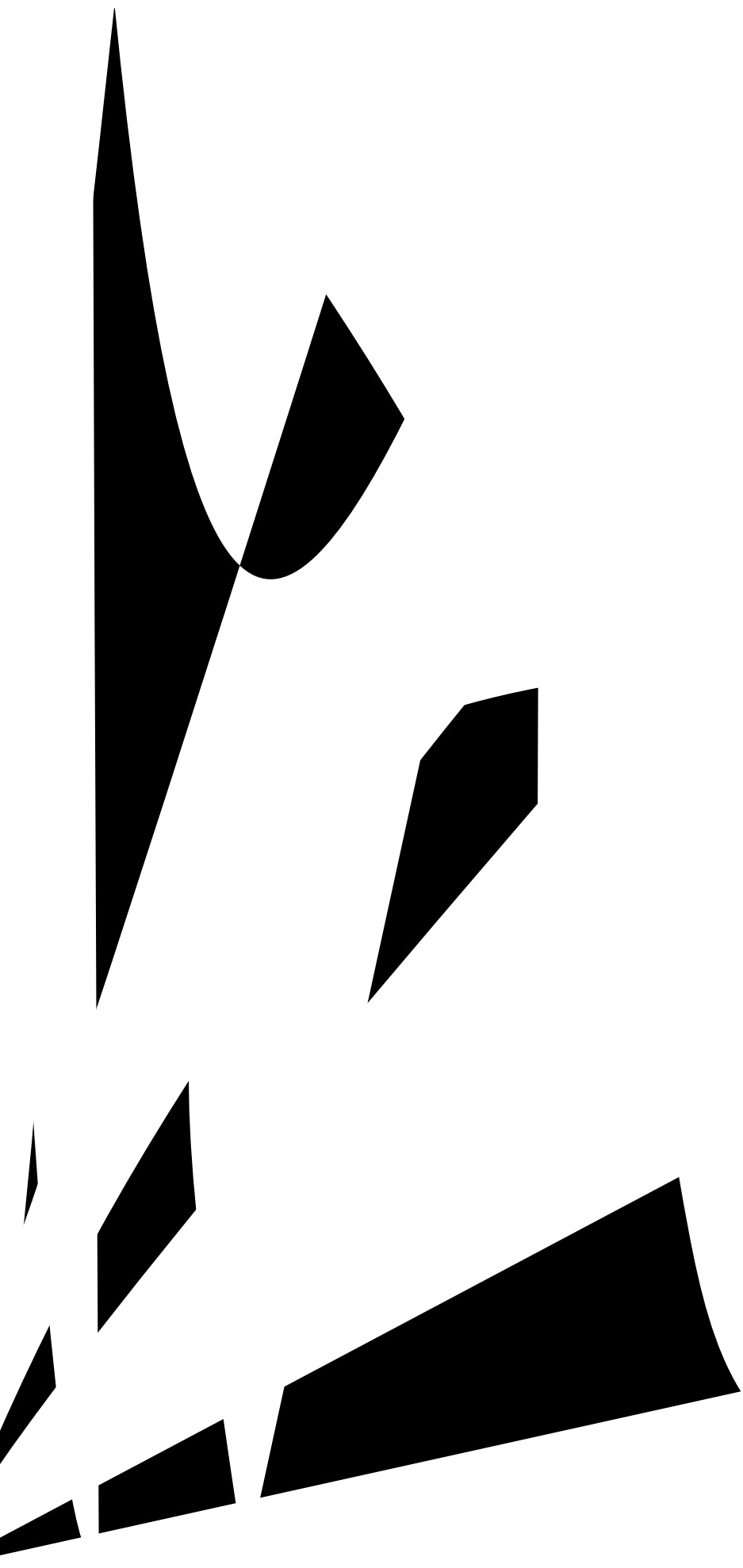
Kevin Granato, a convicted hit man for the Colombo crime family, and his wife, Regina, pleaded guilty in May to charges they used a cryogenic kit to sneak his sperm from Allenwood Federal Prison to a New York fertility clinic. The couple's daughter is now 3.

Regina Granato, 40, said the smuggled sperm plot was "made out of pure love." (AP)

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## UKRAINE

**New Chernobyl Shelter Delayed Two Years**

A top Ukrainian official said Thursday that construction of a new shelter to cover the creaky Soviet-era structure encasing the destroyed reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear plant will be delayed two years, news reports said. The official also warned that some \$768 million pledged by international donors to secure the reactor might not suffice. (AP)

## BALKANS

**44 People Charged in Djindjic Assassination**

Serbian prosecutors charged 44 people, including the ex-commander of a notoriously brutal police unit, in the assassination of Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic Thursday. Djindjic, known for his pro-Western stance, was gunned down March 12 as he stepped from his car in front of government headquarters in Belgrade. (AP)



Djindjic

## ARGENTINA

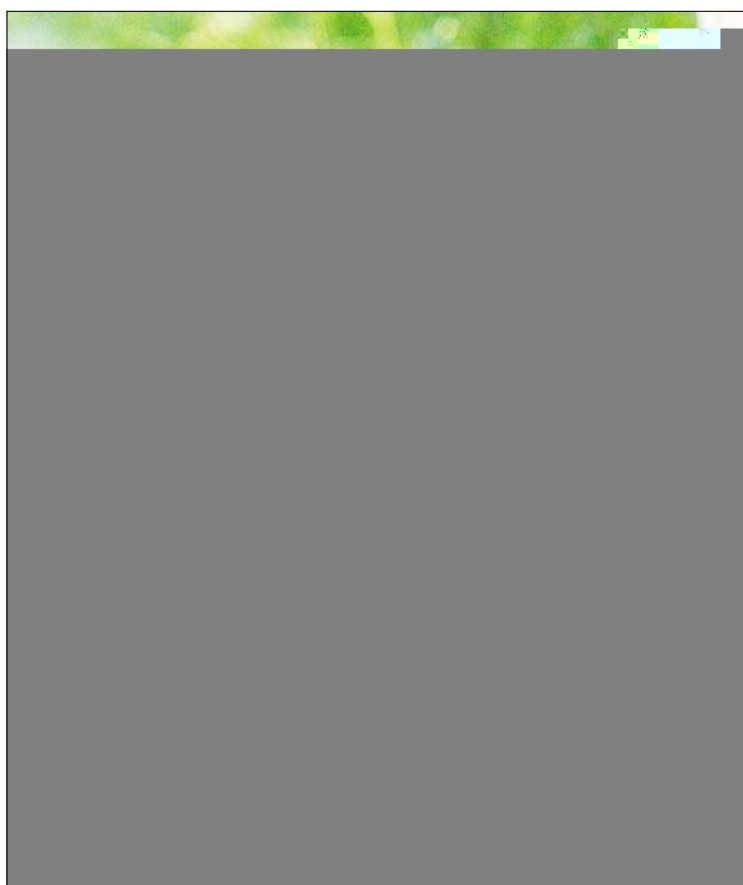
**Former Iranian Ambassador Charged in '94 Bombing**

A former Iranian ambassador to Argentina, wanted there in connection with the 1994 bombing of a Buenos Aires Jewish community center in which 85 people were killed, was arrested Thursday in northern England. Police in Durham, northeast England, arrested Hade Soleimanpour, 47, at his home there on an extradition warrant, police sources said. (AP)

## TAIWAN

**Island Signs First Free-Trade Agreement**

Taiwan signed its first free-trade agreement on Thursday and won backing from the leaders of eight Caribbean and Central American nations for its bid to join international organizations. The eight nations are among the 27 that have diplomatic ties with Taiwan. Most others recognize Taiwan's rival, China, which has urged governments not to recognize its island neighbor. China and Taiwan split amid civil war in 1949 and both have sought to lure away the other's allies. (AP)



SERGEI GRITS/AP

Two Iraqi boys are made to lie on the ground by U.S. troops during an operation Thursday in which several hundred soldiers searched houses in an Iraqi village.

# A Saddam Heavy In U.S. Custody

## Search for Hussein continues as U.N., U.S. mull resolution

BAGHDAD | More bodies were pulled from the rubble of the bombed U.N. headquarters on Thursday, and the United Nations announced plans to withdraw one-third of its staff. Separately, the U.S. military said it had captured one of Saddam Hussein's top generals, Ali Hassan al-Majid — nicknamed "Chemical Ali" for carrying out poisonous gas attacks on Iraqi Kurds.

As the United Nations tried to recover its footing in Iraq after the bombing, which killed at least 23 people, the United States was making a new push for a U.N. resolution

calling on nations to send troops to help American forces in Iraq.

But Secretary of State Colin Powell, who met with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, underlined that Washington would not surrender any control in Iraq to the United Nations — a step diplomats say is necessary to build a robust international force.

A U.S. soldier was killed and two wounded by an improvised explosive in Baghdad, the Army announced Thursday, providing no further details. Also, Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, said Thursday that soldiers looking for Saddam detained a number of his relatives and associates in an overnight raid in the north. D'ARCY DORAN (AP)

**Live Online: Former CIA agent Robert Baer discusses the similarities between Baghdad 2003 and Beirut 1983, today at noon on [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://www.washingtonpost.com/liveonline).**

## Victory in Fight Against 'Dirty War' in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES | Argentina's Senate voted overwhelmingly early Thursday to scrap a pair of amnesty laws dating to the 1980s that had ended trials for human rights abuses committed during the country's military dictatorship.

The senators voted 43-7 with one abstention and 21 lawmakers absent to support the proposal, which was passed last week by the lower House of Congress.

The final congressional approval marked a victory for human rights groups pressing for a national re-examination of the 1976-83 dictatorship and highlighted a new political will by Argentines under new President Nestor Kirchner to probe human rights abuses during the so-called Dirty War era.

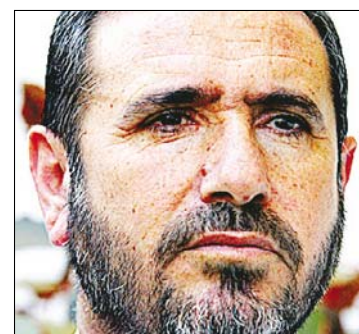
While the Senate vote gave final legislative approval to scrapping the laws, observers said the Supreme Court will likely have the final decision on the laws. Supporters of the laws are expected to appeal to the justice system. (AP)

## Israel's Target: Ismail Abu Shanab

### Was known as one of the strongest supporters of truce

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Ismail Abu Shanab, a Hamas political leader killed in an Israeli strike Thursday, had pushed the violent movement to call a temporary halt in its anti-Israeli attacks — though Israel says he was involved in suicide bombings, including this week's on a Jerusalem bus.

Abu Shanab, a U.S.-educated engineer born in a Gaza refugee camp in 1950, was one of the Hamas



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Abu Shanab was killed Thursday.

militant movement's first recruits after the group was founded in 1987. Since its creation, Hamas has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide

bombings and other attacks.

Imprisoned for 10 years, Abu Shanab became a prominent Hamas leader in Israeli jails during the 1990s. While he backed the Hamas position that there is no place for a Jewish state in the Middle East and that Israel must be destroyed, he was known as one of the group's more sober minds.

He was among the strongest supporters of the truce declared on June 29 by Hamas. IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

**Is the 'road map' to Mideast peace in shreds? The Post's Molly Moore reports on the future now that the ceasefire is in tatters: Today's Post, Section A.**

## HEARSAY | BALI

### "That's when the bombs were ready."

—ALI IMRON, SUSPECT IN BALI BOMBING  
TELLING AN INDONESIAN COURT WHY THE PLANNERS OF THE DEADLY BOMBING OF A NIGHTCLUB IN BALI — WHICH KILLED 202 PEOPLE, MOSTLY FOREIGNERS — DECIDED TO DETONATE THE BOMB ON OCT. 12, 2002, INSTEAD OF ON SEPT. 11, 2002.

## Supreme Ct. Rules in Headscarf Case

BERLIN | A Turkish woman who sued a German store for firing her after she wanted to wear a Muslim headscarf at work won her case Thursday in the nation's supreme court.

The Federal Constitutional Court upheld a lower court ruling that the store had a duty to respect saleswoman Fadime Coral's religious freedom. Her employer failed to

provide evidence that her decision to wear the headscarf would have harmed business, the supreme court said.

Coral took her case to the Federal Labor Court after the two lower courts rejected her complaint about her 1999 firing by Langer Einkaufsland, a family-owned store east of Frankfurt. (AP)

# World

## Chirac Faces Heat

Official says 10,000 may have succumbed to heat-related illness

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**WHO KNEW?** @adabing0 and @nuppet @are among 3,000 new words and expressions that are included in the new edition of the Oxford Dictionary of English. (AP)

LONDON | AISLE IN THE SKY



HERE COME THE BRIDGE BRIDES: A couple kisses on the Tower Bridge in London Thursday. Couples can now tie the knot atop the bridge, a Victorian monument with panoramic views of the city and the River Thames.

## Afghan Factions Hand Over Arms

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## U.N. Appeals to U.S. as Liberia Chooses Leader

Combatants name interim head; envoy asks U.S. to stay on

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Pedestrians walk past a wall marked by gunfire Thursday in Monrovia, Liberia.

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## 28 Tons of Weapons Seized in Latvia

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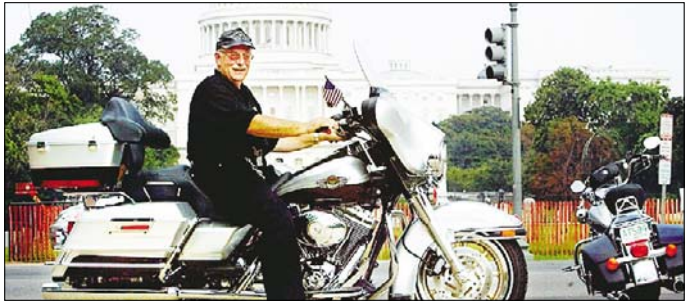
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HARLEYS | MONUMENTAL RIDE



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY:** Harley Davidson CEO Jeff Bluestein was one of many bikers in D.C. readying to ride to Milwaukee, Wis., to celebrate the company's 100th anniversary. They set out Saturday on the long trip.

Ex-School Head Guilty of Rape

WESTMINSTER, MD. | A former Carroll County schools superintendent was found guilty Thursday of six counts of raping and molesting a young girl in July 2002.

William Hyde had left his job for another in Montana in August 2000, but was back in the county for a divorce hearing. He could face more than 70 years in prison. "He wasn't laying on top of me, but he was over me," the unidentified child had told Circuit Judge Luke K. Burns Jr. (AP)

City Struggles to Cope With Crime

Gangs, arson have D.C. residents wary about future violence

WASHINGTON | The long, hot summer is growing more uncomfortable for District residents because of a rise in violence, an increasing threat from street gangs and an unsolved serial arson case. Some of the crimes have been brazen, others especially tragic. Last week, five women and three men, ages 17 to 24, were shot outside a nightclub where police already had increased patrols. Last month, a city employee, 60-year-old Shirley Pugh, was driving home when she was struck and killed by a stolen vehicle. Authorities say a 13-year-old was behind the wheel. Police are appealing to



Investigators explore a fatal July car crash in Southeast Washington.

Washingtonians for help. Community activists even went to the city jail where they met with inmates to ask them to persuade fellow gang members to call a truce. Residents weary of the crimes say many of the problems are caused

- A LONG SUMMER**  
Some troubling signs seen in the District include:
- 166 homicides have been committed this year — a 5.1 percent increase from last year.
  - Since mid-July, police have averaged 851 arrests per week — about 120 more per week than in March.
  - An arsonist believed responsible for 14 fires in the city and 10 more in Maryland has yet to be caught.

by youths who have too much time on their hands and too little supervision. "These are hardcore kids, and after-school programs ain't going to do it," said Mayor Anthony A. Williams. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)



# Region

## MLK Rally Recalls The Dream

WASHINGTON | Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech 40 years ago — on Aug. 28, 1963. King was the last speaker that hot summer day, but his words transfixed the crowd.

Organizers of this weekend’s 40th anniversary of the March on Washington say they have no idea how big the crowd will be, but they’re confident the Mall will be a sea of diversity.

Large tents will be set up next to the Reflecting Pool for a series of teach-ins beginning at 11 a.m. Friday before Saturday’s rally. At 4 p.m. Friday an engraving marking the spot on the Lincoln memorial’s steps where King gave his famous speech will be unveiled. (EXPRESS)

40 Years Later: A day in the life of a new generation of civil rights leaders. Today’s Washington Post | Style

### CANINE HEROES DOG DAY AFTERNOON



A BEST FRIEND: Alexandra Grunow and Arthos take part in Thursday’s “paws to recognize” ceremony at the Humane Society in Washington.

## Transgender Man Killed in Southeast

WASHINGTON | A transgender man was killed Thursday in Southeast in the third attack on a transgender person in less than a week.

The body of Aaron Marshall, 25, a man dressed as a woman, was discovered about 2:30 a.m. near the 2900 block of 2nd Street, S.E. He appeared to have multiple head wounds and the case was being investigated as a homicide, police spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile said.

His death came hours after a transgender man was shot and wounded in Northwest Washington and five days following the shooting death of Elvys Perez Morales. Morales was a performance artist who used the stage name Bella Evangelista.

Police could not draw conclusions about whether the recent crimes were related.

CHEVETTA GILMORE (AP)

secrets: When does a man come clean about his sexuality? Jose Antonio Vargas explores the world of transgender males. Today’s Washington Post | Style

## In Brief

### FAIRFAX COUNTY Woman Critically Hurt at McDonald’s Drive-Through

A woman was critically injured Thursday when her head was crushed in the doorway of her car at a McDonald’s drive-through lane. As she pulled forward to pay for the meal, the woman dropped her money out the window. While pick-

ing up the money, the vehicle lurched forward and her head was pinned in the doorway of the car. (AP)

### VIRGINIA Prosecutors Seek Federal Indictment for Dog Cruelty

Prosecutors said Thursday they planned to seek a federal indictment against a man accused of shooting a dog, wrapping it in a trash bag and dumping it on the side of a country road. (AP)



# Money

## Latest Virus Is Fastest Recorded

NEW YORK | A computer virus that circulated the Internet this week, hard on the heels of another nasty online infection, has been declared the fastest e-mail outbreak ever.

MessageLabs Inc., which scans e-mail for viruses, said that within 24 hours it had scanned more than

1 million copies of the "F" variant of the "Sobig" virus, which was blamed for computer disruptions at businesses, colleges and institutions worldwide.

The previous record was "Klez," with about 250,000 copies spotted during its first 24 hours earlier this year. There have been faster outbreaks, but those circulated through networking functions built into Windows operating systems. (AP)

## Jesse James' Hideout Up For Sale

NEW YORK | The days of Jesse James bank heists are long over, but it isn't too late to grab a piece of his hideout. The ranch that was once the secret digs of the famed rogue is up for grabs.

For \$19.5 million — a figure that would make the notorious outlaw blush — you can own La Panza Ranch, a 14,880-acre spread in San Luis Obispo County in central California. (AP)

## Reports Boost Wall Street

NEW YORK | A trio of upbeat economic reports cheered Wall Street Thursday, prompting investors to pick up shares on strengthening expectations of a solid recovery.

The Nasdaq advanced 17.01, or 1 percent, to 1,777.55. The last time it closed higher was April 19, 2002, when it finished at 1,796.83.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that 386,000 newly laid-off workers filed claims for jobless benefits last week, down 17,000 from the previous week. The number is the lowest level of new jobless claims in six months.

The Conference Board, meanwhile, said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose by 0.4 percent in July to 112.5, after a revised 0.3 percent increase in the previous month. It was the fourth straight month of gains; the reading met analysts' expectations.

And the Philadelphia Federal Reserve reported its business index in August jumped to 22.1, compared to 8.3 in the previous month. HOPE YEN (AP)



**BY THE NUMBERS:**  
Bolstered by strong sales, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc. on Thursday reported an increase of 47 percent in its second-quarter profit, earning \$13 million.

### INDIA | PESTICIDE POP?



**VICTORY:** The president of Coca-Cola India after the health minister said soft drinks made there by the company and PepsiCo. meet local standards for pesticide residue. Some samples failed by European Union standards.

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Solutia	4.00	+3.10	+344.4
LongDrig	22.20	+4.15	+23.0
CablDsgn	6.87	+0.65	+10.5
GoodrPet	4.97	+0.47	+10.4
ReliantRS	4.42	+0.40	+10.0

#### Losers

SmedvA	6.15	-0.85	-12.1
HuttigBld	2.65	-0.29	-9.9
DicksSpt n	37.26	-3.24	-8.0
Magnk	4.48	-0.36	-7.4
Coeur	2.60	-0.19	-6.8

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.94	0.93
2-year	1.90	1.81
10-year	4.48	4.56
30-year	5.28	5.45

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
eOnCom	2.85	+0.60	+26.7
IntlElec	3.15	+0.64	+25.5
AXT Inc	2.55	+0.47	+22.6
Pozen	15.00	+2.77	+22.6
Lifecell	5.78	+1.04	+22.0

#### Losers

Galyans	10.90	-2.12	-16.3
TropSpt	4.24	-0.82	-16.2
Ansoft	9.52	-1.65	-14.8
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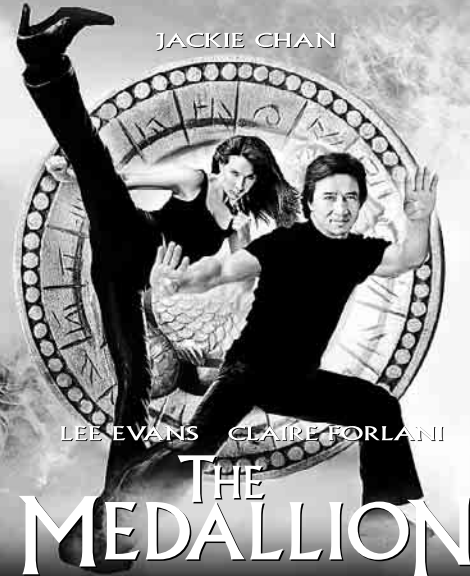
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	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.6340	.6264	.6531
Canadian Dollar	1.4073	1.4029	1.5574
European Euro	.9149	.8991	1.0210
Japanese Yen	117.71	118.02	118.45
Mexican Peso	10.8700	10.8210	9.8050
Taiwanese Dollar	34.23	34.29	34.00

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+26.17	+17.01	+2.97
+0.28	+0.97	+0.30
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### Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	78.00	+0.26	+35.4
AstraZen	39.30	-1.30	+12.0
BarrLab s	67.34	+0.66	+55.2
Biovail	40.00	+0.24	+51.5
BrMySq	26.04	+0.04	+12.5
ForestLb s	44.44	+1.47	-9.5
IvaxCp	19.73	+0.54	+62.7
JohnJn	49.40	-0.63	-8.0
LillyEli	63.56	+1.94	+1.1
Merck	51.32	-0.80	-4.2
Mylan s	37.45	+1.50	+61.0
Pfizer	29.79	-0.95	-2.6
SchergPl	16.48	+0.24	-25.8
WatsnPh	39.56	-0.42	+39.9
Wyeth	42.59	+0.29	+13.9



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Serve's Up for Sampras

Tennis great plans to retire Monday during U.S. Open ceremony

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Sunday in The Washington Post

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GOLF | OUT OF THE WOODS



BACK ON TOP: A week after struggling at the PGA Championship, Tiger Woods looked like his old self while shooing a -5 at the NEC Open.

MARK DUNCAN/AP

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Michael Wilbon: College coaches Neuheisel and Dave Bliss created a mess: The Washington Post | Sports

Linebacker Looks to Trot His Stuff

Trotter feels he has something to prove

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JOHN McDONNELL/ITWP

Jeremiah Trotter reached the Pro-Bowl twice with Philadelphia.

Weekend's TV Lineup

FOOTBALL (8 p.m. Friday on CBS) The Atlanta Falcons learn to live without quarterback Michael Vick when visiting the Miami Dolphins in a preseason game.

FOOTBALL (8 p.m. Saturday on WRC-TV) The Washington Redskins and Baltimore Ravens rekindle their local rivalry in the third exhibition game for both teams.

SOCCER (Sunday at 4 p.m. on ESPN2) The Washington Freedom and Atlanta Beat play in the Founders Cup.

LITTLE LEAGUE (6:30 p.m. Sunday on ABC) The U.S. champion and International champion playing in the Little League World Series championship game.

GOLF (2:30 p.m. Sunday on CBS) Final round of the NEC Open.

HEARSAY | INTENSITY

“It’s hard to explain how. You can just tell he expects more. The training wheels are off.”

—NOTRE DAME LB COURTNEY WATSON ON HEAD COACH TYRONE WILLINGHAM'S NEW APPROACH TO THIS SEASON — HIS SECOND AT THE SOUTH BEND, IND., SCHOOL.





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# Sea of Dreams


**A vicarious journey around the globe and into the roiling blue**

FILM | "Step Into Liquid" is the way one surfer describes that moment when your feet leave shore for the clear, blue waves and an adventure that only a surfboard and a big reserve of courage can provide. Directed and narrated by Dana Brown, this documentary presents

surfing as almost a religion. At some moments, you can't help wanting to convert to this faith whose most ardent disciples scour the world in pursuit of "the stoke." Sometimes the chatter becomes so worshipful that you have to step back and remind yourself that this is just a water sport. And it's hard for most earthlings to relate to bronzed, buff surfing gods with names like Laird and Taj and Brad, who use words like "gimongous."

But that's nitpicking. "Step Into Liquid" is 88 minutes of watching people do something difficult, occasionally quite reckless, and unquestionably beautiful. We go to Tahiti to see the hottest women surfers, to western Australia to look at young Taj Burrow, to the north shore of Oahu, Hawaii, to

Costa Rica, to Easter Island. And then there's Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where some less-than-buff locals surf in Lake Michigan, explaining, "The stoke is a global thing." These quirky scenes are the most fun. There's another hilarious sequence that shows just how far some people will go to get that stoke: to Galveston, Texas, where determined surfers ride the wakes of supertankers. With all this glory, one might forget that surfing can be supremely dangerous. The film wisely includes a scene of a paralyzed young man — who broke his neck while surfing — attempting a return to the water by surfing on his stomach, aided by friends. The smile on his face shows his heart — and it's gimongous. JOCELYN NOVECK (AP)



**HEADS UP:** Be the next Kelly Clarkson, or the first Your Name Here. "American Idol 3" auditions are today at Round House Theatre; 7501 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Line begins at 5 a.m.

Two thumbs up? Or 10 toes? *The Washington Post* movie reviewers weigh in.

- The Good and the Digital** A scruffy Western classic is restored. **Stephen Hunter** reviews a new print of "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." | *Style*
- Magnificent Obsession** A romantic quadrangle filmed with a dreamy, sensual beauty. **Desson Howe** reviews "Charlotte Sometimes." | *Weekend*
- The Bad and the Digital** Jackie Chan's jaw-dropping skills are obscured by showy effects. **Ann Hornaday** reviews "The Medallion." | *Style*

→ **Got Plans?**

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**Any word on a place in Montgomery County called Last Mango?** It's a cool Cuban-influenced restaurant with a large lounge/dancefloor/veranda area upstairs. It seems pretty cool, and the mango margarita is especially good. 654 Center Point Way, Gaithersburg; 240-243-0545.

**Do you know of any good stuff going on before/during/after the free concert on the Mall on Sept. 4th for the NFL Kickoff?** The NFL tells us that only Mary J. Blige, Good Charlotte, Aerosmith, Aretha Franklin and, of course, Britney are confirmed. There's the sporty festival on the Mall in the three days before the concert, where you can get some former Hall of Famers' autographs and practice your skills. [www2.nfl.com/kickoff/](http://www2.nfl.com/kickoff/) [washingtonpost.com/entertainment](http://washingtonpost.com/entertainment)

**A friend is visiting from London next month. Can you recommend venues where the food/drinks/decor lives up to the reputation?** One of these sort of big-city-ish places — Zaytinya, Poste, TenPenh — all distinct interiors, all fine foods. Zaytinya; 701 9th St. NW; 202-638-0800 (Gallery Place-Chinatown); Poste; 555 Eighth St. NW; 202-783-6060 (Gallery Place-Chinatown); TenPenh; 1001 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-393-4500. (Archives-Navy Memorial). Continued on page 12



# Entertainment

# Grouchy in Ohio

## A comic-book pessimist gets some big-screen therapy

FILM | The sweet-and-sour independent movie "American Splendor" traces the tough, low-rent times of one Harvey Pekar — file clerk, jazz aficionado, curmudgeon supreme.

For the past three decades, the Cleveland native and various illustrators have collaborated on a mordantly amusing comic. No comic-book superman, Pekar cast himself as a deeply ordinary man facing down the horror of everyday life.

With Shari Springer Berman and Robert Pulcini's biographical movie about Pekar, the writer's lumpen projection takes on new shapes — a couple of animated Harveys and the man himself talking about whether the movie's got him right (yes and no).

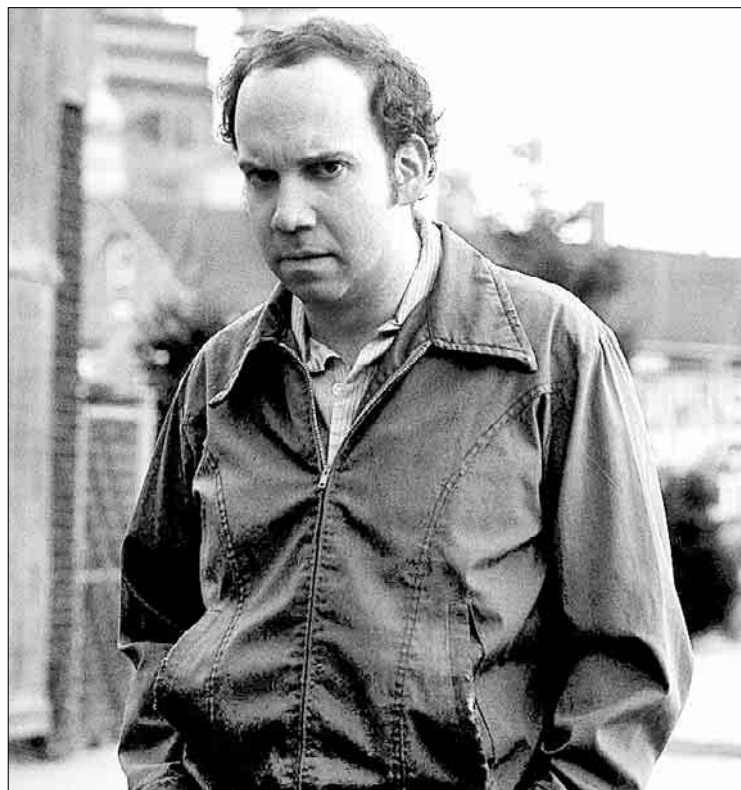
Last, there's the fictional, live-action character played with lyrical desperation by Paul Giamatti. It's no surprise that only the real Pekar

comes close to the comic's raw, spiky complexity, but Giamatti's performance almost makes up for what has been lost in translation.

Berman and Pulcini mix the gently fictionalized story with interviews, which are the best part of the film but occasionally gummed up by the filmmakers' pseudo-Brechtian diddling, like breaking the fourth wall.

"American Splendor" is about a cheap, ill-tempered schlub, but it's also about how we cling to our individuality as the world tries to smash us to pieces. Still, it's easy to imagine that the filmmakers didn't want to alienate us by letting Harvey's multiple personalities rip. So they give us one grumpy but fundamentally decent guy with a couple of cartoon personalities.

Berman and Pulcini obviously adore Pekar, but by not taking him on his own harsh terms, they blow the chance to dig as deep as the source. MANOHLA DARGIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



**IRONY HATES COMPANY:** Paul Giamatti plays Harvey Pekar as a man profoundly in touch with his misery in the adaptation of Pekar's comic, "American Splendor."

## →GotPlans?

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**Despite having lived in the D.C. area for over a year, I have yet to enjoy U Street-area nightlife. My friends and I are looking for a place that's more lounge than dance, not too ridiculous a cover, where we can sit down. (p.s.: see below)**

We're glad you're exploring! Try Cafe Saint-Ex, Local 16 and U-Topia. All great for lounging and no cover, so bar-hopping is mandatory.

*Utopia, 1418 U St. NW; 202-483-7669. (U St.-Cardozo)*

*Cafe Saint-Ex; 1847 14th St. NW; 202-265-7839. (U St.-Cardozo)*

**What's this about the "Dog Days of August" sidewalk sale around U Street this weekend?**

The annual Dog Days of August sale is taking place this Saturday and Sunday, with 29 stores participating. Also, there will be live music, dance contests and food!



**LAST CHANCE:** To see local rockers the Carlisons before they leave our little burg behind. Tonight's a release show for their CD debut. Black Cat; 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-4490.

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... I'm not always negative. Just most of the time ... ”

**Tony Kornheiser | Sports Columnist**

**The Washington Post**

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**I'm looking for a yoga studio in the Arlington/D.C. area that allows for "drop in" attendance.**

We've heard good things about the Sun and Moon Studios in Arlington, where you can do drop-in classes, though it's more expensive that way. But the first class is free, so you can see if you like it, and if you sign up for at least six, it's cheaper.

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**I'd really love is to find a place with rooftop dining that won't empty my bank account for my boyfriend's birthday. Any suggestions?**

Whoop it up at Perry's or Local 16, though not on a weekend.

Perry's; 1811 Columbia Road NW; 202-234-6218. (Woodley Park-Zoo)

Local 16; 1602 U St NW; 202-265-2828. (U St.-Cardozo)

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# Little Girl, Big Noise

**DJ Shortee may be part of a team, but she soars solo**

**OUT & ABOUT** | Less than two years after taking to the turntables, Shortee released her debut mixtape and claimed her first DJ battle title.

Sure, this black belt and skilled graphic designer is a quick learner, but it was her 15 years of drumming and a loving mentor that eased her DJ-world transition.

That would be her turntablist husband and DJ partner Faust. When the pair wed in 2001, they commenced married life by booking turntable gigs on their European honeymoon.

Shortee also spins solo. With crates of varied vinyl, she can deftly merge rare grooves, hip-hop, house and techno.

With tunes for MTV and ESPN in the can and loads of future gigs on tap, Shortee's career will be anything but brief. CRAIG SMITH

Shortee spins tonight at Club Five, 1214 B 18th St. NW; 212-331-7123.



DJ Shortee spins the hits — and the obscurities — with admirable versatility.



"I still want to do this," said Zevon about making a CD despite his illness.

## Last Words

**MUSIC** | Given three months to live due to inoperable lung cancer, Warren Zevon hasn't slowed down. He wrote and recorded a final album and opened his life to VH1 for an intimate diary. The special premieres Sunday; "The Wind" CD comes out Tuesday.

The special shows that Zevon's sardonic humor is intact. At one point, he rails against fans who wrote on a Web site that he was being heroic in not seeking treatment: "I think it's a sin to not want to live." DAVID BAUDER (AP)

**In the Post:** Richard Leiby reviews "The Wind," Sunday in Arts.

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# Home

## Sinking Feeling

**PROJECT** | Carl and Judy Schlosberg found themselves in a common predicament: They had a sentimental piece of furniture, but no place for it in their condo. Then Carl looked at the old mahogany chest of drawers and thought: This could become a sink.

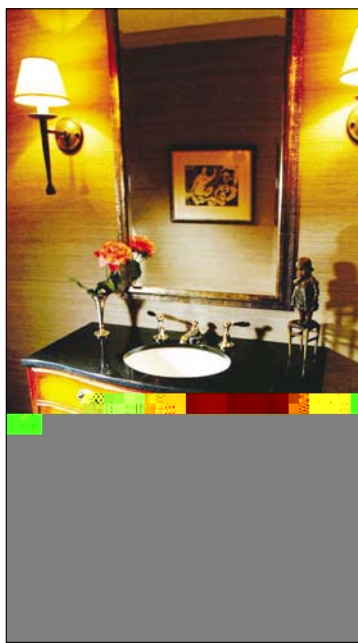
The couple hired custom cabinet maker Max Borgese to execute the idea. It turned out to be a relatively simple project. In fact, Borgese says, someone with basic skills in carpentry and plumbing could turn an antique dresser into a sink cabinet as a weekend project.

Borgese removed the top and excavated the inside. He creat-

ed an 8-inch well for the sink by removing the bottoms and sides of adjacent drawers and building a new shelf deeper into the cavity. These small drawers were closed shut with removable interior brackets. The unaltered drawers below them have kept their usefulness; they hold guest hand towels.

Borgese then cut holes in the cabinet's back for a drain line and the water lines. Once the sink was dropped into place, a slab of black granite was flush mounted on top to make an even surface, and the finishing touch was added: a brass faucet with ebony lever handles.

JANET EASTMAN (L.A. TIMES)



LORI SHEPLER/L.A. TIMES

What to do with an antique dresser? Put a working sink in it, of course.

### Talking Trash

In all likelihood, neither your home nor your local landfill has a lot of room for trash. Some ways to reduce garbage creep:

→ **Set up interim recycling stations.** Employ a big paper bag or separate trash can in your kitchen to hold washed-out cans and bottles. Use a big basket for newspapers and magazines and keep a small trash can by your desk for mail and other paper.

→ **Flatten and crush everything.** That means pasteboard boxes and containers, toilet paper and paper towel rolls. If you don't want to flatten boxes, fill their insides with more trash.

→ **Return plastic grocery bags to the store.**

Keep used ones under your kitchen cabinet in a tote bag. Grab the bag on your way to the grocery store (it's good for shopping, too).

→ **Limit biodegradable items.** Toss egg shells and vegetable peelings behind shrubs and in flower beds, where they'll compost naturally.

→ **Take packing material (peanuts and bubble wrap) to a mail shop for reuse.**

LIZ MANION AND MEDA KESSLER (KRT)



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Yesterday's Solutions



Crossword Puzzle | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Steep declivity
- 6 "Dragnet" star
- 10 Pizarro's conquest
- 14 Union platform?
- 15 Pulitzer Prize novelist (1958)
- 16 Line of rotation
- 17 David Lynch TV project
- 20 Big foot designation
- 21 Realtor's favorite sign
- 22 Lines on a screen
- 23 \_\_\_\_-in
- 24 Catch some zzzzs
- 25 1957 film location
- 29 Hrs. in California
- 32 Red Baron's adversary
- 33 Indiana found it
- 34 "Remember the neediest," e.g.
- 35 Topmost neck vertebra
- 36 Project
- 37 Misgiving
- 38 Albanian currency
- 39 Antiquated space station
- 40 Terrarium pet
- 41 "\_\_\_ Doubtfire"
- 42 Erskine Caldwell novel
- 44 Off-white



- 45 Response to "Shall we?"
- 46 Math word
- 49 Colombian city
- 50 Charge levied
- 53 Swanson film of 1950
- 56 Longish dress
- 57 Greek winged God
- 58 Like Odin or the Valkyries
- 59 Prestigious prep school

- 60 Agricultural implement
- 61 Twixt's partner

DOWN

- 1 Equivalent
- 2 Crossword staple
- 3 Skiing champion
- Skaardal
- 4 "Yay!"
- 5 Golfers' hangouts
- 6 Beat soundly
- 7 Antiquated oath

- 8 Big London landmark
- 9 Flintstones' hometown
- 10 Diagram a sentence
- 11 Leave the scene
- 12 Separate, as with a tool
- 13 Manual reader, say
- 18 Certifiable, so to speak
- 19 State of bewilderment

- 23 Greek porticos
- 24 Feathery missile
- 25 Work of David
- 26 Large computer key
- 27 Future embryos
- 28 Preminger suspense classic
- 29 Greek Academy founder
- 30 Singer Reese
- 31 Subdued, as an animal
- 34 What a good engine does
- 36 Be harmonious
- 37 Division result
- 39 Franken-stein creation
- 40 Immune system component
- 42 Decorated metalware
- 43 Part of a contract
- 44 Water holder
- 46 J.D. Salinger heroine
- 47 Surrender
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- 49 Manipulate, as the books
- 50 Transporta-tion charge
- 51 Scot's tongue
- 52 Fall venue
- 54 Certain supporter
- 55 Solemn pledge

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Though perfection may not seem attainable, it is worth striving for — especially the closer you feel you get. Don't be overly pragmatic.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — You will encounter unforeseen danger that requires you to take the lead and give orders in a confident, aggressive manner.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Don't be as impulsive as you have been recently. It's important that you are logical and rational at this time.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Take care of yourself when the tension begins to rise either at home or at the workplace. You can't afford any kind of explosion.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Exploration can yield an important personal discovery. Don't shy away from issues raised by those in authority.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Others will accept only the best from you. Though the demands are great, your ability will match them.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — The speed with which you handle serious situations will serve you well in the days to come. Don't let yourself get down.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Trust a friend or loved one to provide you with the special emotional care you need at this time.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You're not

likely to pull ahead of the crowd until you are get past your overly-cautious approach to personal and professional matters.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Your stamina will serve you well, as will your attention to detail. You must be able to focus on two or more things at once.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — An important issue could go either way for you. Don't make the mistake of passing judgment prematurely.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — How sure of yourself are you? Much of your confidence and emotional strength will be put to the test at this time.

THE FLIP-FLOP FLAP



Tuesday in this space, Post fashion editor **ROBIN GIVHAN** dismissed flip-flops as "shower shoes," sparking a war of words among Express letter writers. A sampling follows:

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# Lookout

## Master of the Internet

### Teen's video inspires viewers to embrace their inner goofball

INTERNET | It was a moment of unadulterated silliness, the kind of thing anyone might do with no one watching: A teen from Quebec videotaped himself pretending to wield a light saber a la "Star Wars."

But that private moment went public, very public, when classmates at his high school found the tape in a cabinet and uploaded it onto an Internet file-sharing site this past spring.

Now Ghyslain Raza is known far and wide as the "Star Wars Kid," with a fan base that only seems to be growing — even though he doesn't want the attention.

The video shows the slightly portly teen awkwardly twirling a golf ball retriever like "Star Wars" bad guy Darth Maul, and has been downloaded hundreds of thousands of times.

Web sites have been dedicated to the youth. Supporters have raised money for him. And several techies have created their own "clone" versions of the video, adding sound and visual effects or placing his image in any number of backdrops — from "The Hulk" to "The Matrix."

Many teens who post their images on the Web would probably be thrilled to get this kind of attention. But Ghyslain, who made the video

while doing a school project when he was 15, has said he didn't intend for it to be seen by his classmates, let alone people across the world.

"I want my life back," he said in an e-mail interview with the National Post newspaper, a Canadian daily.

Claiming that their son has been humiliated, his parents are suing the parents of the teens who put the video on the Web.

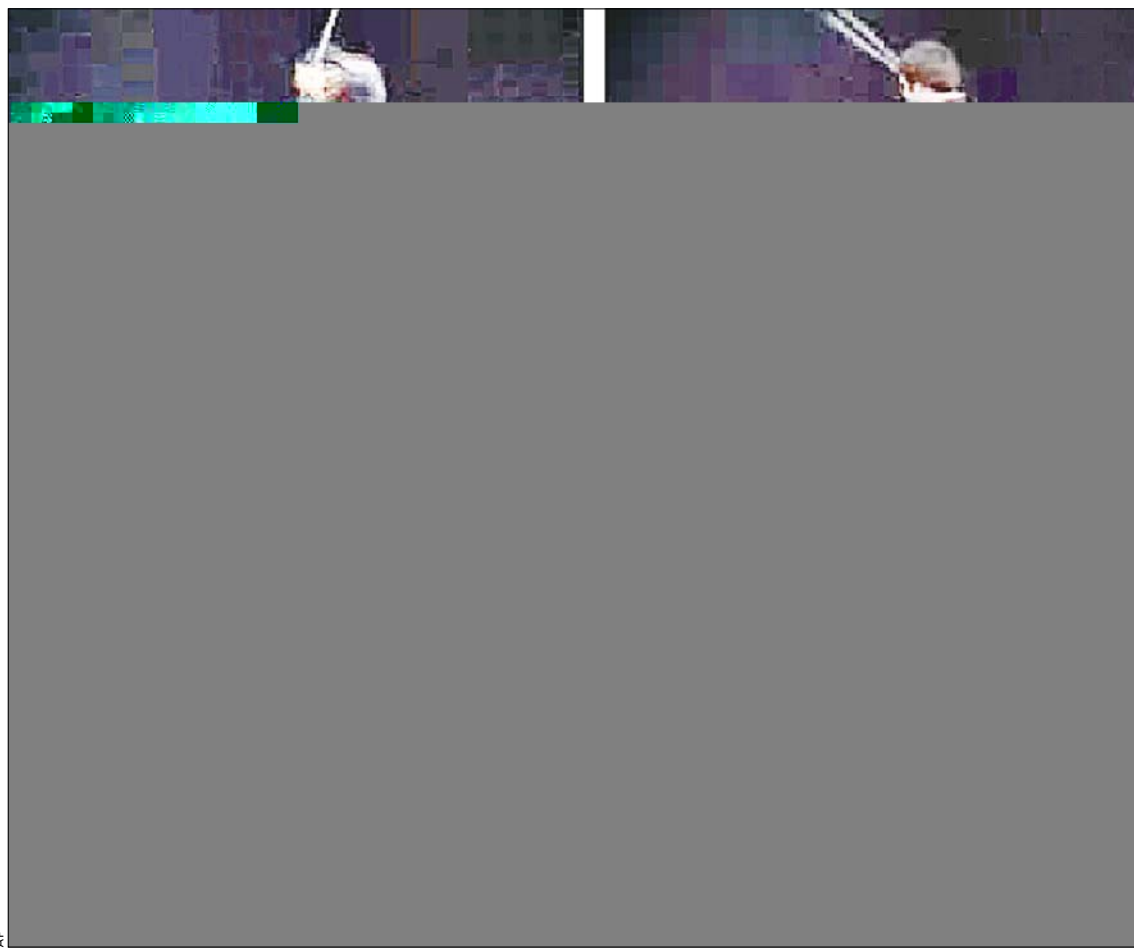
Some say the case may become a step toward setting privacy standards on the Internet, which has been difficult terrain to police. But in the meantime, Web surfers are having a field day with Ghyslain's image on a multitude of sites.

Elizabeth Murphy, a production manager for a Web design company in New York, says she finds herself visiting one of the sites often.

**"While I feel bad for him ... I revisit the site any time I am feeling down. ... I love this kid!"**

— ELIZABETH MURPHY  
WEB DESIGN PRODUCTION MANAGER

"Contrary to popular belief, I think it is not the Jedi kid's awkwardness that keeps him in people's hearts but his undeniable enthusiasm for what he is doing," Murphy says. "While I feel bad for



Ghyslain Raza of Quebec, Canada, shows off his "light saber" skills in these images from the widely popular video.

him because he hates his newfound popularity, I revisit the site any time I am feeling down. It just cracks me up. I love this kid!"

Experts say it's no wonder the video has gained popularity.

"It resonates because we all know what it is like to have moments like that," says Patricia Leavy, a sociology professor at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., who specializes in popular culture.

"Personally, I sing and bop along to TV theme songs," she adds. "Embarrassing, yes. But also a part of being human."

Ghyslain's lawyer, Francois Vigeant, declined to comment, cit-

ing an upcoming court hearing. He said the teen and his parents, who live in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, also were declining interviews.

Meanwhile, the teen's supporters are working on his behalf.

Andy Baio, a 26-year-old computer programmer from Santa Monica, Calif., helped lead a fundraising campaign for Ghyslain — and claims to have purchased an iPod music player and gift certificates for him.

Others have started a petition to get him into the next "Star Wars" movie, which Lucasfilm Ltd. is currently filming in Australia.

A spokeswoman at the

California-based film company would not say whether George Lucas is considering the request.

Regardless, many "Star Wars" fans hope Ghyslain will learn to enjoy his newfound fame.

"I guess I can feel his pain because it's so big," says Joshua Griffin, editor of TheForce.net, a Web site of "Star Wars" trivia and gossip. "But part of me thinks he should enjoy this. Drop the lawsuit and embrace this."

"I definitely want to respect the kid's privacy. But ..." he says, starting to laugh, "It's so funny. He's the 'Star Wars Kid' in all of us."

MARTHA IRVINE (AP)

## Crime Doesn't Pay for 'Family' Television

TELEVISION | Television's most popular program, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," is also its least family-friendly, a TV watchdog group said Thursday.

The Parents Television Council criticized the CBS drama for stories about cannibalism, S&M sex clubs and snuff films.

What's worse is that CBS occa-

sionally reruns the show at the 8 p.m. hour when more children are likely to be watching, said Melissa Caldwell, research director for the 800,000-member organization that monitors sex and violence on TV.

As forensics investigators, the lead "CSI" characters might be expected to bear witness to some seedy situations. But Caldwell said,

"There are ways you can deal with these issues without having to be as graphic."

CBS spokesman Chris Ender said that while the PTC's goals are noble, "to put the label worst in front of 'CSI' in any capacity is pretty ridiculous. Thankfully, 26 million viewers a week don't agree."

The organization saluted CBS'

"Touched By an Angel," which ended its nine-year run last spring, as television's best show.

"Every episode emphasized the power of goodness over evil, the need to strengthen familial relationships, the importance of individual responsibility and an encouragement to maintain faith in God," the PTC said. (AP)

### NOT YOUR PARENTS' TELEVISION

The watchdog group Parents Television Council rated the best and worst of "family" programming. Here are its top three best and worst:

#### Friend:

- "Touched By an Angel" (CBS)
- "Doc" (PAX)
- "7th Heaven" (WB)

#### Foe:

- "CSI" (CBS)
- "Kingpin" (NBC)
- "Fastlane" (FOX)

# People

## CELEBRITY

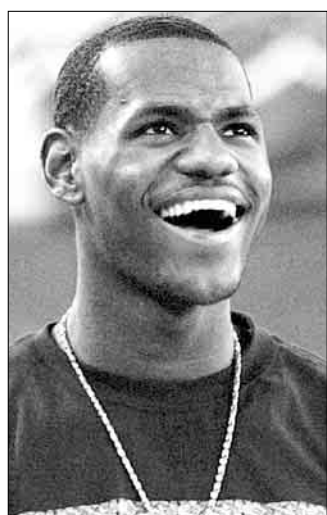
## Curtis Urges Au Naturel

Plastic surgery isn't the answer for women who want to change their looks, says **JAMIE LEE CURTIS**. The actress won't specify what surgery she's had, but says, "I did all of it in



attempting to stave off [aging]." The result: "It made me look worse and feel worse." Curtis joins other celebrities,

such as Dolly Parton, Sharon Osbourne and Roseanne Barr, in discussing plastic surgeries in an upcoming issue of People. (AP)



JIM ROGASH/AP

## SPORTS

## Young and Thirsty

**LEBRON JAMES** has signed a six-year deal with the Coca-Cola Co. to be a key endorser of Sprite and Powerade, after the company unofficially dropped NBA star Kobe Bryant from its advertisements. The 18-year-old Akron, Ohio, basketball star entered the NBA draft out of high school. He was the No. 1 draft pick, and has a \$13 million contract with the Cleveland Cavaliers. (AP)

## PUBLISHING

## Billy Pens Bedtime Books

Comedian and actor **BILLY CRYSTAL** is trying his hand at two new children's bedtime books. HarperCollins has bought the North American rights to the books by the star, which will



focus on the relationship between grandchildren and their grandparents. Crystal says the idea for the books was

inspired by the birth of his first grandchild. The first book, called "I Already Know I Love You," is due to be published in April. (WENN)



JEAN-MARC BOUJAP

## CELEBRITY

## Jackson Offers \$5K Taste Of Life at Neverland Ranch

**MICHAEL JACKSON** plans to open his theme-park home Neverland to the public — for \$5,000 a ticket. The singer's home will be open for one day only — September 13— and 250 visitors will be able to enjoy the attractions, which include an amusement park, video arcade, zoo and movie theatre. However, questions are being fielded as to what will happen to the \$4,000 left over after \$1,000 from each ticket is given to a charity. (WENN)

## THE LAW

## Gotti a No-Show in Court

Rap mogul **IRV GOTTI** and his attorney failed to appear in court for Gotti's arraignment on a misdemeanor charge of possession of a controlled substance, authorities said. Prosecutors were unable to contact Gotti's attorney, Dennis Roberts, who'd said he was going to

appear on his client's behalf because Gotti lives in New York. The CEO of Murder Inc. Records was arrested Aug. 15 at a concert at the Oakland Arena for allegedly carrying a single dose of Ecstasy. Gotti was busted with the substance, and a dose of Viagra, when he pulled items out of his pocket while going through security. (AP)

## HEARSAY | DIVA LESSON



"[If] you ask for stupid stuff, you're a bad diva. When you ask somebody to dig the blue M&Ms out of the rest, something is wrong with you."

— KELLY ROWLAND

DESTINY'S CHILD AND SOLO ARTIST ON HOW TO BE A GOOD DIVA



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